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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Generation Next Grant Program</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>HEX</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Generation Next is a fully funded grant program designed to empower early-stage female entrepreneurs from ASEAN and Australia to scale their businesses globally and drive economic growth.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The programme focuses on accelerating business growth and economic empowerment for women founders, building cross-border connections, scaling startups on a global stage, developing leadership and personal brand, refining business models and capital strategies, enhancing go-to-market approaches, and fostering participation in the digital economy through innovation in AI, fintech, digital trade, cybersecurity, digital infrastructure, platform technologies, and other technology-driven solutions.</p> <p>Over 13 transformative weeks, Generation Next combines interactive online learning, tailored mentoring, and immersive real-world experiences to help participants fast-track their startup success. The program begins by building a strong cohort community and guiding founders through understanding their personal and professional values. Participants then refine their personal brand and storytelling skills while learning to identify customer problems and rapid prototyping techniques.</p> <p>The programme also focuses on designing and refining solutions, creating user stories, developing minimum viable products, and implementing branding and digital marketing strategies. Founders gain practical insights into business model optimization, funding approaches, and preparing for investment opportunities. A key component is the 7-day trade mission in Melbourne, where participants network, attend industry workshops, and engage with global markets.</p> <p>Through pitch training, leadership development, and guidance on entering international markets, participants leave with a strengthened go-to-market strategy and an enhanced personal brand. The final weeks emphasize reflection, future planning, and establishing ongoing mentoring and support systems through the Generation Next community.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible participants are women aged 18–40 from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, or Timor-Leste, running early-stage startups, small businesses, or social enterprises with prototypes, early customers, or early revenue.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 05/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://next.startwithhex.com/asean-australian/generation-next/">https://next.startwithhex.com/asean-australian/generation-next/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Advancing Science through Scale-driven Innovation</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>AMAZON</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Amazon invites research proposals addressing science and engineering challenges with the potential for real-world impact within the next three to five years.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	They seek ambitious, technically rigorous research that addresses large-scale challenges, promotes responsible practices, improves existing methods, builds

	<p>new system capabilities, and integrates interdisciplinary approaches across fields like AI, cloud computing, robotics, security, sustainability, and health sciences. This track complements the standard Amazon Research Awards program by focusing on ideas that are not covered under existing calls for proposals, especially those where the pathway from discovery to real-world impact is identifiable but still unexplored. The program emphasizes scientific depth and technical rigor while encouraging researchers to move beyond incremental advancements toward novel and impactful solutions.</p> <p>Selected Principal Investigators may receive unrestricted funding of up to \$100,000 USD along with AWS Promotional Credits averaging no more than \$70,000 USD, as well as access to training resources, tutorials, and collaboration opportunities with Amazon scientists and engineers. The awards are structured as one-time unrestricted grants, and applicants are expected to provide a budget outlining anticipated costs in USD without including administrative overhead.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>To be eligible, the Principal Investigator must be a full-time faculty member at an accredited academic institution or a permanent researcher at a legally recognized non-governmental organization and must be of legal adult age in their jurisdiction. They must not be a paid employee of a government entity other than an academic institution, must not be under U.S. sanctions or export controls, and must not have been affiliated with Amazon as an employee, contractor, or intern within the past 12 months.</p> <p>Additionally, they must not be an immediate family member of such individuals or have participated in decision-making related to Amazon cloud infrastructure procurements. Each Principal Investigator may submit only one proposal per call period, and the program is not available in certain restricted regions.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>06/05/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.amazon.science/research-awards/call-for-proposals/amazon-2030-call-for-proposals-spring-2026">https://www.amazon.science/research-awards/call-for-proposals/amazon-2030-call-for-proposals-spring-2026</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Funding for Strengthening Cultural Sectors in Developing Countries</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Fund for Cultural Diversity</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) offers funding to support innovative projects that strengthen cultural sectors in developing countries through sustainable and impactful interventions.</p> <p>The fund focuses on projects that lead to structural change through the introduction or development of policies and measures that directly impact the creation, production, distribution, and access to diverse cultural expressions, including cultural goods, services, and activities, as well as the reinforcement of human and institutional capacities of public sector and civil society organizations to support viable local and regional cultural industries and markets.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The IFCD provides financial support of up to USD 100,000 for projects implemented over a period of 12 to 24 months. These projects are selected through a competitive process and are assessed based on their relevance, feasibility, financial management capacity, and expected results. The fund serves as a key</p>

	<p>instrument under UNESCO’s 2005 Convention, promoting international cooperation while contributing to broader development goals such as gender equality and poverty reduction.</p> <p>Projects must be implemented in eligible developing countries and should align with the broader goal of fostering dynamic cultural sectors by strengthening systems that enable the creation, production, distribution, and accessibility of cultural expressions. The fund supports both transversal initiatives, such as cultural policy development and copyright frameworks, and sector-specific interventions across seven eligible cultural sectors.</p> <p>The funding is disbursed in installments, with 50 percent provided at the beginning of the project, 30 percent during mid-implementation, and the remaining 20 percent upon completion. Projects are expected to begin no earlier than May 2027, and applications must be submitted in English or French by the deadline of 6 May 2026.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligible applicants include public authorities and institutions, non-governmental organizations, and international non-governmental organizations from developing countries that are Parties to the 2005 Convention. While national entities can implement projects within their own countries, international NGOs are required to design projects that operate across at least two eligible countries and demonstrate regional or inter-regional impact.</p>
<b>Total Budget: \$100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 06/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.unesco.org/creativity/en/ifcd/apply">https://www.unesco.org/creativity/en/ifcd/apply</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Apply for Digital Forensic Equipment and Tools Projects Grant</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European commission is seeking grant applications to support initiatives that strengthen the fight against fraud, corruption, and other illegal activities affecting the financial interests of the European Union.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The programme focuses on reinforcing investigative capability and capacity of national authorities, including their digitalisation, enhancing transnational cooperation, providing specialised equipment and IT tools, boosting staff exchanges, supporting national investigations, building IT capacity, increasing data exchange, and organising specialised training, workshops, conferences, and studies to improve cooperation and coordination between departments responsible for protecting EU financial interests.</p> <p>Actions eligible for funding include the acquisition and maintenance of digital forensic equipment and software, mobile forensic tools, computer forensic collaborative systems, updates of existing software systems, and training to ensure staff can effectively use these tools. Cross-border cooperation and exchange of best practices at the operational level are strongly encouraged.</p> <p>The total budget for EUAF-2026 Technical Assistance is EUR 10,800,000, with grants starting from a minimum of EUR 100,000 up to a maximum of EUR 1,620,000, representing 15% of the available call budget.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include national or regional public authorities, international organisations whose task is to protect EU financial interests, research and educational institutes, and non-profit entities that have been established and operating for at least one year. Applicants must be based in an EU Member State (including overseas countries and territories), a listed EEA country, or a country associated with or negotiating an association agreement with the EUAF Programme.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€1,620,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>07/05/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-02">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-02</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Enhancing Anti-Fraud Capabilities with Advanced Data Tools</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is inviting grant applications to support reinforce national authorities' capabilities in preventing and tackling fraud, corruption, and other illegal activities affecting EU financial interests.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas include providing technical knowledge, specialised and technically advanced equipment, and effective IT tools to enhance transnational and multidisciplinary cooperation; boosting staff exchanges for specific projects, including support for joint investigation teams and cross-border operations; providing technical and operational support for national investigations, particularly for customs and law enforcement authorities; building IT capacity in Member States and third countries, increasing data exchange, and developing IT tools for intelligence monitoring; and organising specialised training, fraud analysis workshops, conferences, and studies to improve cooperation and coordination between departments responsible for protecting EU financial interests.</p> <p>To achieve these objectives, the Commission will fund data-analytics technologies and data purchases, including commercial specialised databases, data-analysis platforms capable of running analyses in big data environments, risk and predictive analysis tools, data mining tools, artificial intelligence systems aimed at preventing and combating irregularities, fraudulent activities, and corruption, and data collection tools for risk and anti-fraud analysis. The total budget available under EUAF-2026-TA for Technical Assistance is EUR 10,800,000, with a minimum grant amount of EUR 100,000 and a maximum requestable grant of EUR 1,620,000, corresponding to 15% of the available call budget.</p> <p>This funding opportunity represents a strategic investment in strengthening cross-border cooperation, advanced technological capabilities, and investigative expertise to safeguard the EU's financial resources.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible participants must be legal entities, including national or regional public authorities or international organisations tasked with protecting EU financial interests, and, in the case of training initiatives, research and educational institutes or non-profit entities that support EUAF objectives. Participants must

	come from EU Member States, listed EEA countries, countries associated with the EUAF Programme, or countries in negotiations for association agreements that are effective before grant signature, and must have been established and operating for at least one year.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€10,800,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>07/05/2026</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-03">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-03</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Strengthening Illicit Trade Detection and Anti-Fraud Capabilities</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is requesting grant applications to enhance the detection of illicit trade and improve cooperation between authorities in the fight against fraud, corruption, and financial crime.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The focus areas include providing technical knowledge, specialised and technically advanced equipment, and effective IT tools to enhance transnational and multidisciplinary cooperation and cooperation with the Commission; boosting staff exchanges for specific projects, including support for joint investigation teams and cross-border operations; providing technical and operational support for national investigations, particularly for customs and law enforcement authorities; building IT capacity in Member States and third countries, increasing data exchange, and developing IT tools for investigating and monitoring intelligence work; organising specialised training, fraud analysis workshops, conferences, and studies to improve cooperation and coordination between departments responsible for protecting EU financial interests; and strengthening operational and technical capacity to detect smuggled and counterfeited goods, including cigarettes and tobacco imported to evade VAT, customs duties, or excise taxes, along with specialised training to enable staff to operate these tools effectively. This funding opportunity, under EUAF-2026-TA Technical Assistance, has a total budget of EUR 10,800,000, with a minimum grant of EUR 100,000 and a maximum requestable grant of EUR 1,620,000, corresponding to 15% of the available call budget.</p> <p>This initiative represents a strategic effort to enhance cross-border cooperation, strengthen investigative and technical capacities, and equip authorities with the tools and training needed to prevent illicit trade and protect the EU's financial resources.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible participants must be legal entities such as national or regional public authorities or international organisations tasked with protecting EU financial interests, and for training initiatives, research and educational institutes or non-profit entities that support EUAF objectives. Participants must be from EU Member States, listed EEA countries, countries associated with the EUAF Programme, or countries in ongoing negotiations for association agreements that are effective before grant signature, and must have been established and operating for at least one year.

<b>Total Budget: €10,800,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-04">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-04</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Supporting Conferences, Workshops and Seminars for Anti-Fraud Capacity Building</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Commission is now accepting grant applications to support conferences, workshops, and seminars aimed at strengthening cooperation and capacity in combating fraud, corruption, and illegal activities affecting the EU's financial interests.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The objectives and priorities include protecting the EU financial interests and preventing and combating fraud, corruption, and other illegal activities; promoting transnational and multidisciplinary cooperation, exchange of knowledge and best practices, and the creation of networks among national authorities, practitioners, and academics; raising awareness among the judiciary and legal professions; supporting training activities such as conferences, seminars, webinars, e-learning, staff exchanges, and studies; digitalisation of administrative reporting processes to reduce administrative burden in anti-fraud activities; strengthening cooperation between EU institutions, bodies, offices, and agencies, particularly OLAF and the European Public Prosecutor's Office, as well as with customs and law enforcement authorities within and outside the EU; enhancing understanding of OLAF's investigative framework, powers, cooperation with national partners, evidential value of its reports, and its relationship with the EPPO; improving prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of fraud and corruption through risk analysis practices and training of customs, judicial, and law enforcement authorities; addressing revenue fraud and corruption with a focus on customs data collection, analysis, and challenges such as e-commerce; protecting the EU single market from counterfeits, tobacco smuggling, and harmful goods; strengthening border protection, customs cooperation, and information-sharing; enhancing cooperation to combat environmental and health-related fraud such as illegal waste shipments, illicit trade in endangered species, illegal chemical products, and substandard food; supporting cooperation between authorities where fraudulent activities affect the EU budget; preventing the import of illicit products that do not comply with EU environmental, climate, and customs legislation; tackling fraud and corruption affecting EU funds in areas such as environment, climate, and food safety; addressing emerging challenges in expenditure fraud within the current financial framework and instruments such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility; and identifying and mitigating risks of double funding in EU grants.</p> <p>Under the EUAF-2026-TRAI call, a total budget of EUR 1,000,000 is available to support conferences, workshops, seminars, staff exchanges, and studies. The minimum grant amount is EUR 100,000, while applicants may request up to 15% of the total call budget. Projects are expected to run between 12 and 24 months, with the possibility of extension if justified.</p> <p>This initiative aims to foster knowledge exchange, strengthen institutional cooperation, and enhance the effectiveness of anti-fraud efforts through structured dialogue and collaborative learning platforms.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants include legal entities such as national or regional public authorities or international organisations tasked with protecting EU financial interests, as well as research and educational institutions and non-profit entities that contribute to EUAF objectives and have been established and operating for at least one year. Applicants must be based in EU Member States, listed EEA countries, countries associated with the EUAF Programme, or countries in ongoing negotiations for association agreements that enter into force before grant signature.
<b>Total Budget: €1,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TRAI-02">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TRAI-02</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Union Anti-Fraud Programme</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The European Union Anti-Fraud Programme (EUAF) invites applications to support projects that enhance the capacity of authorities to combat fraud, corruption and illegal activities affecting the EU's financial interests.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The programme focuses on strengthening investigative capability and digitalisation of national authorities while supporting four priority areas: investigation and surveillance equipment and methods, digital forensic equipment and tools, data analytics technologies and data purchases, and detection of illicit trade, all aimed at improving prevention, monitoring, and enforcement against fraud and corruption across both revenue and expenditure domains.</p> <p>The EUAF-2026-TA Technical Assistance call is designed to fund projects that primarily involve the acquisition of specialised equipment, advanced tools, and data technologies. A mandatory training component must accompany all purchases to ensure staff can effectively operate the equipment. The training must be proportionate to the cost of the equipment and directly linked to its use, while standalone workshops or events are discouraged under this call.</p> <p>Projects may include the purchase and maintenance of investigation and surveillance tools, including transport, IT hardware, and audio-visual equipment where clearly justified for anti-fraud purposes. Funding also supports digital forensic tools such as mobile and computer forensic systems, along with updates to existing software and cross-border cooperation initiatives that enhance operational information exchange.</p> <p>The total budget allocated for the EUAF-2026-TA call is EUR 10.8 million, with individual project budgets required to be at least EUR 100,000. The maximum grant that can be requested is up to 15% of the total call budget, which equals EUR 1,620,000. Projects must align with EU policy priorities such as digitalisation, security, and social impact, and demonstrate complementarities with other EU-funded initiatives. The duration of projects typically ranges from 12 to 24 months.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible applicants for the Technical Assistance call must be legal entities such as national or regional public authorities or international organisations tasked with

	protecting the EU's financial interests. Applicants must be based in EU Member States, eligible EEA countries, or countries associated with the EUAF Programme. They must register in the Participant Register and undergo validation before applying.
<b>Total Budget: €10,800,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-01">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EUAF-2026-TA-01</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY IN KAZAKHSTAN</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is: to strengthen local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in Kazakhstan as independent and effective actors contributing to accountable, transparent and inclusive governance in the context of the country's green and digital transitions.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The specific objective of this call for proposals is: to strengthen the role of CSOs in shaping institutional and corporate policy and practice in the context of the digital and green transitions by enhancing public accountability, enabling them to hold public and private actors accountable to social, environmental, governance and business and human rights standards, promoting evidence-based and inclusive policy dialogue across development processes and investments, and linking local evidence and innovation to national policy and reform frameworks in support of equitable and sustainable transitions.  Actions must take place in Kazakhstan.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be Civil Society Organisation (CSO) and/or their association and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €1,400,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 12/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186114PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186114PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORTING CSO ROLE IN SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND IN GLOBAL GATEWAY INVESTMENTS</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of the program of support to the CSO is to strengthen Ethiopian Civil Society Organisations as independent, resilient and accountable actors contributing to inclusive governance and equitable, sustainable socio-

	economic development in Ethiopia and to contribute to the Global Gateway investments.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>LOT 1 – Strengthening civil society’s role and capacity and promote a CSO enabling environment: To strengthen the capacity, sustainability and influence of local and grassroots CSOs to engage effectively in policy making, dialogue with the authorities, advocacy, monitoring and accountability processes at national and local levels.</p> <p>LOT 2 – Civil society engagement in Global Gateway priority sectors: To enhance the role and capacity of CSOs to engage in and contribute to transparent, inclusive and sustainable policies making, reforms, and investment processes in clean energy transition, sustainable agri-food value chains, health systems strengthening and human-centric digital transformation (global gateway priority areas in Ethiopia).</p> <p>Actions must take place in at least three of regional states and/or city administration of the following exclusive list: Somali, Harari, Sidama, Gambella, South West Ethiopia, Dire Dawa City Administration of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: Civil Society Organisation (such as non-governmental organisation and/or their networks or associations) and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €5,829,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 13/05/2026</b>	
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<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>EU NDICI GLOBAL EUROPE – THEMATIC PROGRAMME FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS &amp; THEMATIC PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY – ISRAEL 2026</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to the upholding of democratic principles, to the promotion and protection of human rights , and to the strengthening of Israel’s Civil Society Organizations (CSO) as independent actors of good governance and development. The specific objectives and priorities of this call for proposals are as follows:
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Lot 1 – Thematic Programme for Civil Society Organisations: The specific objective for Lot 1 is to strengthen the capacity and ability of local civil society actors to uphold and promote an enabling environment and increase the role of under-represented groups in decision-making and public discourse.</p> <p>LOT 2 –Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy: The specific objective for LOT 2 is to contribute to the upholding of democratic principles and the promotion and protection of human rights of the citizens of Israel and those for</p>

	whom Israel is a duty bearer, in compliance with international standards and obligations.  Actions must take place in Israel.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: a non-governmental civil society organisation, including non-governmental non-profit organisations, community based organisations, faith-based organisations, universities and research institutions, private sector non-profit agencies and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
<b>Total Budget: €3,850,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 26/05/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186065PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186065PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY AND VOICE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AS ACTORS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN MALAWI</b>
<b>Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is: To strengthen Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) as independent actors essential for promoting accountability and transparency. The lots of this call for proposals are:
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Lot 1: Promoting accountability and transparency at the local level Lot 2: Independent Media for Good Governance The priorities of this call for proposals are: (1) promoting inclusive and accountable governance through strengthened civil society participation in policy development, planning, budgeting, and programme implementation. (2) Promoting accountable and transparent governance by strengthening the capacities of local media actors across print, digital, social, and broadcast platforms.  Actions must take place in Malawi.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation, citizens' group, community-based organisation, platform/coalition representing public interest, advocacy organisations, women's and youth organisations, research organisations, academic institutes, think tanks, education institutions, independent foundations and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

<b>Total Budget:</b> €2,325,500
<b>Deadline:</b> 29/05/2026
<b>More information and official documents:</b> <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186204PROSPECTSEN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/186204PROSPECTSEN</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Job Creation in the Private Sector with Option Enhancing Labour Migration</b>
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**Programme:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

**Objective:** The Facility Investing for Employment (IFE) under the Special Initiative "Decent Work for a Just Transition" offers grants to support private sector projects that generate sustainable and quality jobs in partner countries.

**Eligible Activities:** The program focuses on job creation in the private sector, prioritizing the number of new good jobs and cost per job, improvements in working conditions and income for existing employees, participation in higher education or short-term job-related trainings, and bonus aspects such as jobs for women and youth, contributions to feminist development and just transition, and synergies with other German Development Cooperation projects.  
IFE funding is available for mature projects that have not yet started and are operationally and financially viable. Applicants must contribute their own funds to complete the project finance. Eligible projects fall into four categories: not-for-profit projects without revenue generation, not-for-profit projects with revenue generation, for-profit projects creating jobs at independent third-party entities, and for-profit projects creating jobs within the applicant's entity. Grant sizes for job creation range from 800,000 to 10 million EUR per project, applicable across all eligible countries.  
The IFE program ensures that grant funding directly contributes to sustainable employment generation in the private sector while promoting decent work standards and inclusive opportunities.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible jobs must be new positions in the private sector with a minimum of 520 working hours over up to one year, salaries meeting national minimum wage or Special Initiative standards, and compliance with International Labour Organisation core standards, including no child or forced labor, non-discrimination, freedom of association, collective bargaining, and occupational health and safety. For self-entrepreneurs and freelancers, minimum income and working hours requirements apply. Jobs created at the applicant's or related entities must not have occurred without IFE support, and jobs at third-party entities require a formal commitment that the positions result directly from the IFE-funded project.

**Total Budget:** €10,000,000 per project

**Deadline:** 01/06/2026

**More information and official documents:** <https://invest-for-jobs.com/en/call-for-proposals-march-april-2026>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE</b>
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<b>Programme: ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The Zayed Sustainability Prize is the UAE’s pioneering global award that recognises and rewards small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), nonprofit organisations (NPOs), and global high schools with impactful, innovative, and inspiring sustainable solutions. The Zayed Sustainability Prize recognises nonprofit organisations (NPOs), small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and high schools for their impactful, innovative and inspiring sustainable solutions across the categories of Health, Food, Energy, Water, Climate Action and Global High Schools.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	The Zayed Sustainability Prize awards 6 categories: Health Food Energy Water Climate Action Global High Schools (1 award for each of the below regions): The Americas, Europe & Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia & Pacific, South Asia, MENA  The Fund is open to applications for funding from across the globe.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	You can nominate an organisation (SME or NPO) only for the new Climate Action category by registering in the Zayed Sustainability Prize submissions portal and filling out the form. You can nominate an organisation you are affiliated with or one with which you have no affiliation.
<b>Total Budget: €6,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 15/06/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://zayedustainabilityprize.com/">https://zayedustainabilityprize.com/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>URBACT Call for Action Networks: Implementing Urban Change in Cities</b>
<b>Programme: URBACT</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The URBACT IV programme invites cities to collaborate through Action Networks to strengthen sustainable urban development and improve local policies across Europe. The programme focuses on facilitating knowledge sharing and transfer of innovative practices between cities and different levels of government, promoting integrated sustainable urban development, improving the effectiveness of cohesion policy in cities, strengthening institutional capacity to implement territorial strategies, supporting locally-led development strategies, enhancing the capacity of urban stakeholders to design and implement participative and place-based policies, and ensuring that urban knowledge and practices are accessible to policymakers and practitioners at all levels. URBACT IV, part of the European Territorial Cooperation framework for 2021–2027, is funded through multiple instruments including the European Regional Development Fund, IPA, and NDICI. Its mission is to enable cities to collaborate, exchange experiences, and develop practical solutions to shared urban challenges through structured networking and learning.

	Through participation in Action Networks, cities can bring about meaningful and sustainable change by engaging in peer exchange and collaborative learning. This approach helps cities develop more informed and coordinated policies while fostering a participatory culture that involves relevant stakeholders and enhances transparency and implementation success.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The Action Networks specifically support cities in implementing concrete urban actions that address local challenges. These actions must build on existing strategies or policy frameworks and aim to generate tangible results within the network duration. Cities are expected to co-create solutions, test and refine them through implementation, and produce transferable knowledge that can be scaled up through further funding opportunities.</p> <p>A key component of participation is the establishment of URBACT Local Groups, which bring together local stakeholders to co-design and implement actions through structured activities such as Action Labs. Transnational collaboration allows cities to compare approaches, address common barriers, and refine their strategies collectively.</p> <p>The programme is open to a wide range of eligible beneficiaries, including cities from EU Member States, partner states such as Norway and Switzerland, IPA countries, and NDICI countries like Ukraine and Moldova. Partnerships must consist of six to eight partners, with strict rules on composition, including limits on non-city partners and representation per country.</p> <p>Each network benefits from a dedicated expertise budget of EUR 127,500 to support expert involvement throughout the project lifecycle. Networks are required to appoint a Lead Expert and at least two Ad-Hoc Experts to guide implementation and ensure delivery of expected outcomes.</p> <p>To be eligible, proposals must be submitted in English, include all required documentation, meet partnership requirements, and comply with programme rules. Applications must demonstrate completeness, strategic relevance, and adherence to all specified criteria.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The programme is open to a wide range of eligible beneficiaries, including cities from EU Member States, partner states such as Norway and Switzerland, IPA countries, and NDICI countries like Ukraine and Moldova. Partnerships must consist of six to eight partners, with strict rules on composition, including limits on non-city partners and representation per country.
<b>Total Budget: €127,500 per project</b>	
<b>Deadline: 17/06/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://urbact.eu/get-involved">https://urbact.eu/get-involved</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Cancer Research Institute</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program offers a prestigious platform for early-career researchers to advance innovative work in immunology and cancer immunology while building pathways toward independent scientific leadership. The program focuses on advancing understanding of the immune system's role in cancer, supporting hypothesis-driven and mechanistic studies in fundamental and



	tumor immunology, fostering the acquisition of new skills and approaches through mentorship and training, and enabling a clear trajectory toward independent research careers in scientific leadership.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The fellowship stands as a highly regarded training opportunity, supporting exceptional researchers at leading universities and institutions worldwide. It is designed to bridge the transition from doctoral studies to independent investigation by providing sustained financial support and structured professional development.</p> <p>The program emphasizes training through research, requiring both the applicant and sponsor to demonstrate how the proposed work will contribute to advancing knowledge in cancer immunology while equipping the fellow with new expertise. The fellowship also prioritizes long-term career development by ensuring that training experiences are aligned with leadership roles in science.</p> <p>The fellowship provides three years of financial support, including a stipend of \$74,000 in the first year, \$76,000 in the second year, and \$78,000 in the third year. In addition, the host institution receives an annual allowance of \$5,000 to be used at the sponsor's discretion for research-related expenses such as supplies, conference travel, health insurance, or childcare, with no administrative overhead deductions permitted. Fellows also receive dedicated support to attend the CRI Bioinformatics Bootcamp.</p> <p>Applicants with five or more years of mentored research experience at the time of activation are not eligible, except for M.D. applicants who may exclude residency years from this calculation. Typically, applicants who have spent three or more years in the same sponsor's laboratory by the fellowship start date are only considered under exceptional circumstances. The fellowship is open globally with no citizenship restrictions, and only one applicant per sponsor is allowed per application round, with a maximum of three CRI-supported fellows per sponsor at any given time. Resubmissions are permitted if improvements reflecting progress are clearly addressed.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	To be eligible, applicants must hold a doctoral degree by the time of award activation and must conduct research under a sponsor with at least an assistant professor-level appointment at a non-profit institution. The proposed research must be directly related to immunology or cancer immunology.
<b>Total Budget: €100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/09/2026</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.cancerresearch.org/cri-irvington-postdoctoral-fellowship">https://www.cancerresearch.org/cri-irvington-postdoctoral-fellowship</a>

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